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Robert G. Tryon, III: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PREDICTING THE FAILURE OF A COMPONENT

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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form  
Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Specification (Total Pages 45)  
(Preferred arrangement set forth below)  
- Descriptive title of the Invention  
- Cross Reference to Related Applications  
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D  
- Reference to Microfiche Appendix  
- Background of the Invention  
- Brief Summary of the Invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description of the Invention (including drawings, if filed)  
- Claim(s)  
- Abstract of the Disclosure
3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) (Total Sheets 23)
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a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)  
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☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33 (b).
5. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 4b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)  
a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy  
b. ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)  
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**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

8. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney (when there is an assignee)
10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
11. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
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13. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
14. ☐ Applicant claims Small Entity status, see 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
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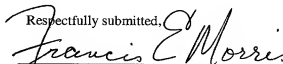
The following utility patent application is enclosed for filing:

Applicant(s): Robert G. Tryon, IIIExecuted on: October 25, 2001Title of Invention: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PREDICTING THE FAILURE OF A COMPONENT**PATENT APPLICATION FEE VALUE**

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- ☐ Priority of Application No. 60/243,880 filed on October 26, 2000 in the United States is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
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